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Subject: Labeling for Food Irradiation

My vote is that you let consumers know if their food has been treated with radioactive materials. **I am pan allergic and my health depends on detailed labeling of products.**

I want **prominent labeling** because irradiation is a process that can change not only my food's taste or texture, but more importantly, it can change nutritional value and holding characteristics. To not provide labeling means that the FDA has allowed themselves to defraud the public that deserves to know what they are consuming.

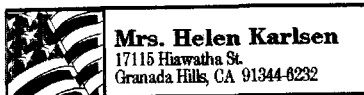
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